पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्र शेखर सिंह) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) सूचना निम्नलिखित है :

उत्पाद	बिक्री यूनिट	17-3-85 से प्रभावी वृद्धि	1-2-86 से प्रभावी वृद्धि	6-2-86 से प्रभावी कटौती
एम एस	कि.लि.	831.00	500	100
एच एस डी ओ	कि.लि.	228.00*	180	72
एस के ओ	कि.लि.	247.00	225	90
एल.पी.जी. (घरेलू)	मीट्रिक टन	395.00	700	280

*70 रु०/कि. लो. की कटौती 26-3-85 से प्रभावी

(ग) मुद्रा दर में उतार-चढ़ाव अन्वेषण और क्रूड परिशोधन और पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों के विपणन की लागतों में वृद्धि को ध्यान में रखते हुए 17-3-85 से प्रभावी पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि का आदेश दिया गया ।

आयात राशि को कम करने और तीव्रता से बढ़ती हुई पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों की खपत को सीमित करने और योजना के लिये अतिरिक्त स्रोतों में वृद्धि करने की आवश्यकता को ध्यान में रखते हुए 1-2-86 से प्रभावी वृद्धि के आदेश दिये गये ।

(घ) और (ङ) समाज के व्यापक जन समुदाय को राहत देने के लिये सरकार ने 5/6 फरवरी 1986 की मध्यरात्रि से मूल्यों में कमी की जैसा कि भाग (ख) के उत्तर में निर्दिष्ट है ।

World Bank loan for Key Projects

878. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil India Limited has approached the World Bank for a loan to finance several key projects to be implemented in next five years; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the key projects and the amount of loan being negotiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Loan of approximately Rs. 200 crores is under negotiation with the World Bank *inter-alia* for exploration projects in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and North East Coast, production improvement schemes in Assam natural gas projects in Assam and technical assistance training.

Oil located at Gandhar

879. DR C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some oil reserves were located at Gandhar in Bombay basin recently:

(b) if so, what are their estimated oil potential;

(c) what are the details of the plans being drawn up for the exploitation of the above reserves; and

(d) the details of the discoveries of oil made by ONGC during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Oil been discovered at Gandhar in Combay Basin.

(b) and (c) The field is still in the assessment stage.

(d) The following discoveries of oil were made by ONGC during the last two years:

—Gandhar, South Mewad, Dahej, Limbodra, Pakhajan in Gujarat.

—Kuargaon and Changmaigaon in Assam.

—Narimanam in Tamil Nadu.

—B-178, D-18, KD1, B-172 in West Coast offshore.

Production of crude oil

880. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of crude oil during 1985 as compared to 1984;

(b) what is the import of crude oil in 1985 as compared to 1984 along with the amount of import; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the production and to reduce the import during the next two years and what is the expected saving in foreign exchange thereby during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is as under:—

	1984	1985*
Indigenous production of crude oil (Million Tonnes)	27·9	29·9
Gross imports of crude oil (Million Tonnes)	14·6	14·8
Value of grooss imports of crude in crores	3525·15	3805·74

*Provisional

(c) Some of the steps proposed to increase the production of crude oil and move towards self-sufficiency are:—

(i) Intensification of exploration which may eventually lead to enhanced production.

(ii) Intensification of work-over operations.

(iii) Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

(iv) Induction of advanced technology.

(v) Conservation measures aimed to curb consumption.

It is not possible to reliably quantity the saving of foreign exchange in the next two years due to the above.

Production of LPG

881. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production of LPG in 1985 as compared to 1984;